AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Currently amended)   ~~The method of Claim 1,~~ A voice message repositioning method for a voice message system that stores voice messages for a user of the system and provides feedback to the user regarding the progress of repositioning the playback of a voice message, the repositioning method comprising the steps of:

(a)   repositioning the voice message upon receipt of a start command to begin repositioning, wherein the start command is communicated from a telephone to the voice message system;

(b)   providing feedback to the user via a supervisory signal during repositioning, wherein the supervisory signal is a vibratory signal; and

(c)   stopping the repositioning upon receipt of a stop command initiated by the user to stop the repositioning, wherein the stop command is communicated from the telephone to the voice message system.

7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Currently amended)   ~~The method of Claim 1,~~ A voice message repositioning method for a voice message system that stores voice messages for a user of the system and provides feedback to the user regarding the progress of repositioning the playback of a voice message, the repositioning method comprising the steps of:

(a)   repositioning the voice message upon receipt of a start command to begin repositioning, wherein the start command is communicated from a telephone to the voice message system;

(b)   providing feedback to the user via a supervisory signal during repositioning, wherein the supervisory signal operates at variable intervals; and

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(c)   stopping the repositioning upon receipt of a stop command initiated by the user to stop the repositioning, wherein the stop command is communicated from the telephone to the voice message system.

9.   (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the variable intervals are based on the length of the voice message.

10.   (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the variable intervals are based on the position in the voice message.

11-14. (Canceled)

15.   (Currently amended) ~~The method of Claim 14, further comprising the steps of~~ A voice message repositioning method for a voice message system that stores voice messages for a user of the system and provides feedback to the user regarding the progress of repositioning the playback of a voice message, the repositioning method comprising the steps of:

(a)   repositioning the voice message upon receipt of a start command to begin repositioning, wherein the start command is communicated from a telephone to the voice message system, and wherein the repositioning comprises rewinding;

(b)   providing feedback to the user via a supervisory signal during repositioning; and

(c)   stopping the repositioning substantially at the beginning of the message and playing a message envelope before playing the message from the beginning, wherein stopping the repositioning occurs upon receipt of a stop command initiated by the user and wherein the stop command is communicated from the telephone to the voice message system.

16.   (Previously presented) The method of Claim 15, further comprising the steps of providing a signal indicating that the beginning of the message has been reached.

17-21. (Canceled)

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22. (Currently amended) ~~The voice message repositioning system of Claim 17,~~ A voice message repositioning system that stores voice messages for a user of the system and provides feedback to the user regarding the progress of repositioning the playback of a voice message, the system comprising:

    (a) a processor; and

    (b) a memory coupled to the processor, the memory storing program code implemented by the processor for:

        (i) repositioning the voice message upon receipt of a start command to begin repositioning, wherein the system is adapted for receiving the start command from a telephone;

        (ii) providing feedback to the user via a supervisory signal during repositioning, wherein the supervisory signal is a vibratory signal; and

        (iii) stopping the repositioning upon receipt of a command by the user to stop repositioning, wherein the system is adapted for receiving the stop command from the telephone.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) ~~The voice message repositioning system of Claim 17,~~ A voice message repositioning system that stores voice messages for a user of the system and provides feedback to the user regarding the progress of repositioning the playback of a voice message, the system comprising:

    (a) a processor; and

    (b) a memory coupled to the processor, the memory storing program code implemented by the processor for:

(i)   repositioning the voice message upon receipt of a start command to begin repositioning, wherein the system is adapted for receiving the start command from a telephone;

(ii)   providing feedback to the user via a supervisory signal during repositioning, wherein the supervisory signal operates at variable intervals; and

(iii)   stopping the repositioning upon receipt of a command by the user to stop repositioning, wherein the system is adapted for receiving the stop command from the telephone.

25.   (Previously presented)   The voice message repositioning system of Claim 24, wherein the variable intervals are based on the length of the voice message.

26.   (Previously presented)   The voice message repositioning system of Claim 24, wherein the variable intervals are based on the position in the voice message.

27-30. (Canceled)

31.   (Currently amended)   ~~The voice message repositioning system of Claim 30, wherein the program code when executed by the processor further:~~ A voice message repositioning system that stores voice messages for a user of the system and provides feedback to the user regarding the progress of repositioning the playback of a voice message, the system comprising:

(a)   a processor; and

(b)   a memory coupled to the processor, the memory storing program code implemented by the processor for:

(i)   repositioning the voice message upon receipt of a start command to begin repositioning, wherein the system is adapted for receiving the start command from a telephone, and wherein the repositioning comprises rewinding;

(ii)   providing feedback to the user via a supervisory signal during repositioning; and

(iii)   [[stops]] stopping the repositioning substantially at the beginning of the message[[;]] and (b) plays playing a message envelope before playing the message from the beginning, wherein stopping the repositioning occurs upon receipt of a command by the user to stop repositioning and wherein the system is adapted for receiving the stop command from the telephone.

32.   (Previously presented)   The voice message repositioning system of Claim 31, wherein the program code when executed by the processor further provides a signal indicating that the beginning of the message has been reached.

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